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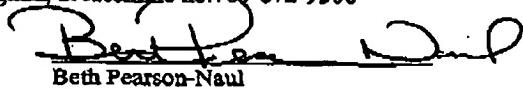
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This is in response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004, on the referenced application. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested in view of the remarks below. Amendments to the specifications start on page 2 of this document. Amendments to the claims start on page 3 of this document. Remarks start on page 13 of this document.